

HUMAN BEHAVIOR COURSE 2004

OBJECTIVES

MAIN OBJECTIVE. Introduce second-year medical students to the theory and practice of psychiatry and biopsychosocial patient care.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES.

Students should achieve the following objectives during the Human Behavior Course:

1. Learn the phenomenology and range of normal and disordered behavior, emotions, and relationships over the human life span.
2. Grasp the concept and application of the biopsychosocial model to general medical and psychiatric care.
3. Learn and practice how to create biopsychosocial formulations and management plans for patients.
4. Understand and discuss the impact of various predisposing, protective, precipitating, perpetuating, and therapeutic factors on the natural history of psychiatric disorders.
5. Rehearse prioritized differential diagnoses based on appropriate nomenclature, diagnostic categories, and criteria using patient vignettes or actual patient histories.
6. Develop a foundation of knowledge and experience in psychiatry that is applicable to medical practice and a framework for new knowledge obtained using various life-long learning strategies.